



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Attorney Docket No.: 2733.29US01

Rostyslau Ilyushenko et al. Confirmation No.: 7171

Application No.: 10/533,177 Examiner: Michael Aboagye

Filed: April 29, 2005 Group Art Unit: 1725

For: WELDING METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2006, and in accordance with the automatic extension of time for response provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants, through their attorney, elect Group I consisting of claims 1-16, with traverse with respect to the restriction requirement of claims 19-21. Please cancel claims 17-18 without prejudice.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Claims

B. Remarks

Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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